

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application as amended herein is respectfully requested.

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the interview of March 29, 2005. At the interview, the Examiner and the undersigned discussed the differences between the subject invention and the prior art. As discussed, the Applicant hereby presents a new claim (claim 13) which recites explicitly that the clean hide is infused by immersing it into a mixture containing a flavor ingredient and a dental aid. Support for this language is found at page 4, last full paragraph of the specification.

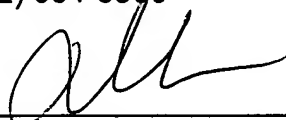
The Applicant further incorporates herein the arguments presented in the Amendment of January 31, 2005.

It is submitted that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to the Deposit Account No. 07-1730, Docket No. 4316/047. A duplicate copy of this Communication is attached for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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